

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-340513, filed in Japan on September 30, 2003, and 2003-340514, filed in Japan on September 30, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, and line 6 with the following rewritten version:

Some indoor units of air conditioners are equipped with a movable panel, a drive portion, and an opening and closing mechanism. The movable panel is, for example, a panel that moves so as to open and close an opening such as an intake port. The drive portion generates a driving force to move the movable panel. The opening and closing mechanism is a mechanism to move the movable panel by a driving force of the drive portion, and for example, it comprises a gear which transmits a driving force of a motor and the like. In addition, indoor units of air conditioners are equipped with a main body casing that houses a heat exchanger, a ventilation fan, and the like, and the drive portion is often provided in the main body casing. Consequently, with conventional indoor units of air conditioners, in many cases, the opening and closing mechanism is also provided in the main body casing (~~refer to Patent Document 1~~ see for example, Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-12821).

Please remove the paragraph at page 1, line 27 as follows:

~~<Patent Document 1>~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 1, line 28 as follows:

~~Japanese Utility Model Publication No. H07-12821~~

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 29, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 8, line 7 as follows:

~~DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCE SYMBOLS~~

Please remove the paragraph at page 8, line 8 as follows:

- 1 — air conditioner
- 2 — indoor unit
- 27 — first intake port (first opening)
- 29 — outlet portion (second opening)
- 41 — driving machine (drive portion)
- 42 — main body casing
- 43 — panel opening and closing motor (motor)
- 45 — second driving machine gear (second gear)
- 60 — front grill
- 61 — opening and closing mechanism
- 62 — fixing portion
- 63 — first opening and closing mechanism
- 64 — second opening and closing mechanism
- 66 — power transmission gear (first gear)
- 68 — second panel supporting member (supporting member, speed reducing mechanism, converting mechanism)
- 71 — first panel (second movable panel)
- 72 — second panel (first movable panel)
- 490 — locking clip (temporary fixing portion, clip portion)
- 630 — first opening and closing gear (speed reducing mechanism, converting mechanism)

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~~631—second opening and closing gear (speed-reducing mechanism, converting mechanism)~~

Please replace the heading at page 8, line 31, with the following rewritten version:

~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

Please replace the heading at page 29, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: ~~CLAIMS~~